Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI

September 1, 2024 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

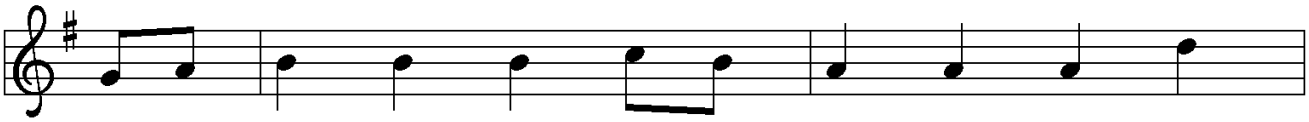
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

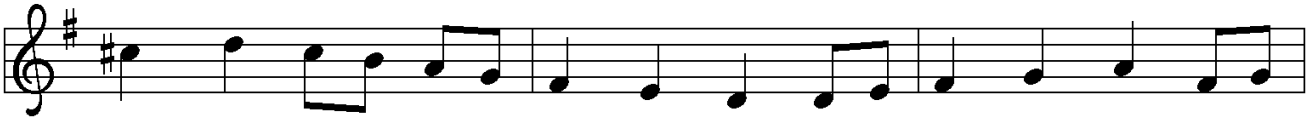
P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW 557

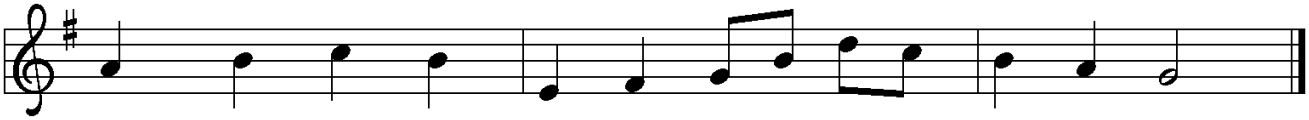
"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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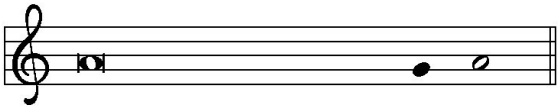
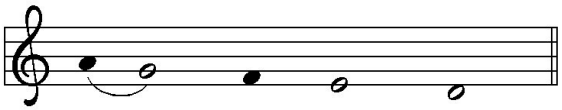
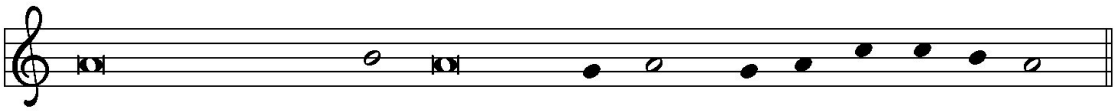


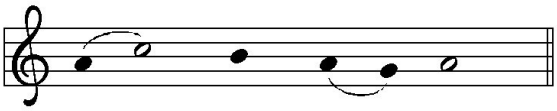
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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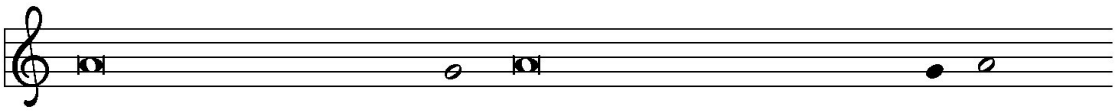
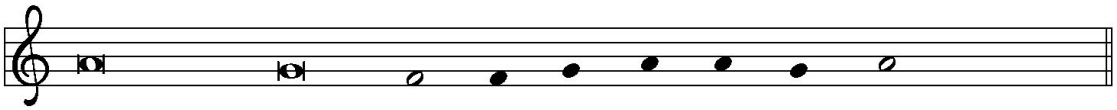
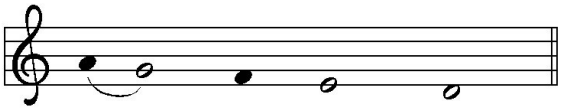


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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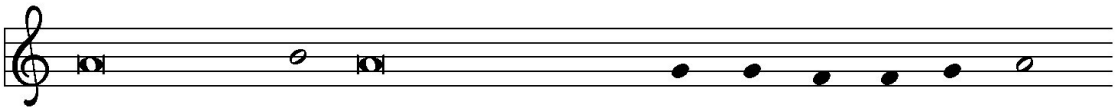
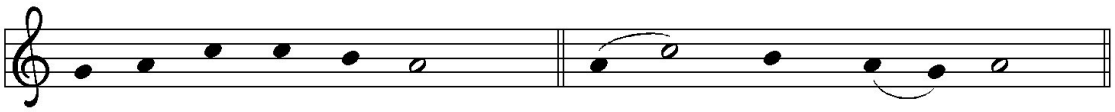
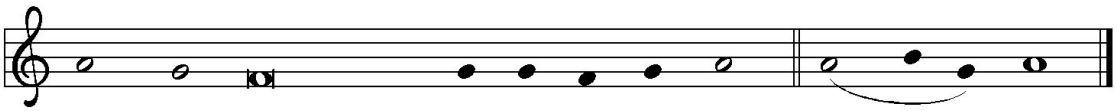


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

A: A reading from Deuteronomy.

[1]So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to
observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God
of your ancestors, is giving you. [2]You must neither add anything to what I
command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of
the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

[6]You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and
discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely
this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" [7]For what other great nation has
a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? [8]And what
other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am
setting before you today?

[9]But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that
your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life;
make them known to your children and your children's children.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)

P: [1]LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
C: [2]Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;
P: [3]they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
C: [4]In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.
P: [5]They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

A: A reading from James.

[17]Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. [18]In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

[19]You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; [20]for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. [21]Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

[22]But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. [23]For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; [24]for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. [25]But those who look into the perfect

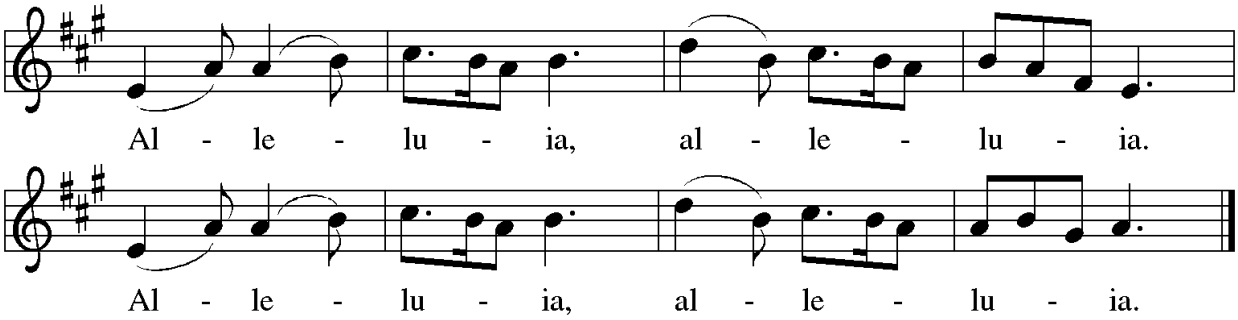
law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

[26]If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. [27]Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1]Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], [2]they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. [3](For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; [4]and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) [5]So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled

hands?" [6]He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
[7]in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

[8]You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

[14]Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: [15]there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

[21]"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, [22]adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. [23]All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME Dale Eckart

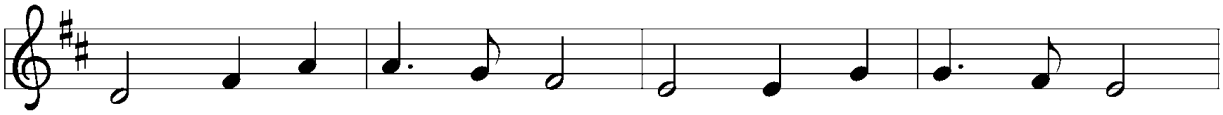
A special message for children.

SERMON *"Clean Inside and Out"* Dale Eckart

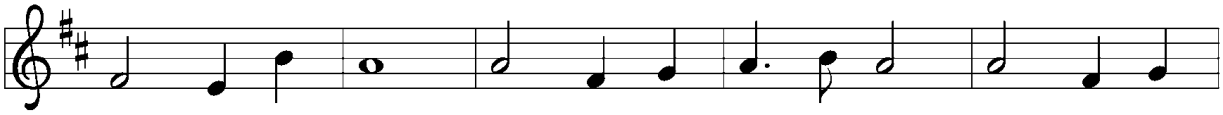
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 759

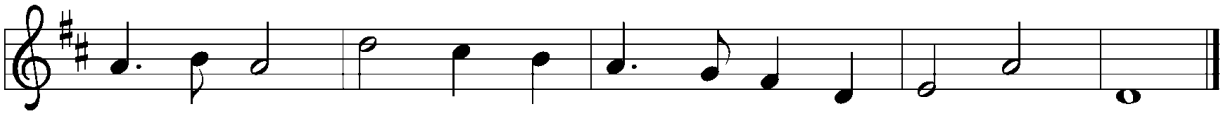
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
Music: OLIVET. Lowell Mason. 1792–1872

APOSTLES CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: God of creation, you named humans as co-creators with you. Where the earth cries out in pain, bring wholeness. Guide governments and industry, that environmental laws and practices seek to heal and not harm. Bring relief and justice to people and places suffering from climate catastrophe. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness, cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those who are close to our hearts *especially Barb, Sheila, Lynn, Jennifer, Cora, Suzy, Sandy, John, the family and friends of Evelyn.* Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for workers' rights around the world. Continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Comforting God, console us as we mourn our departed. We hold fast to the promise that death has been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

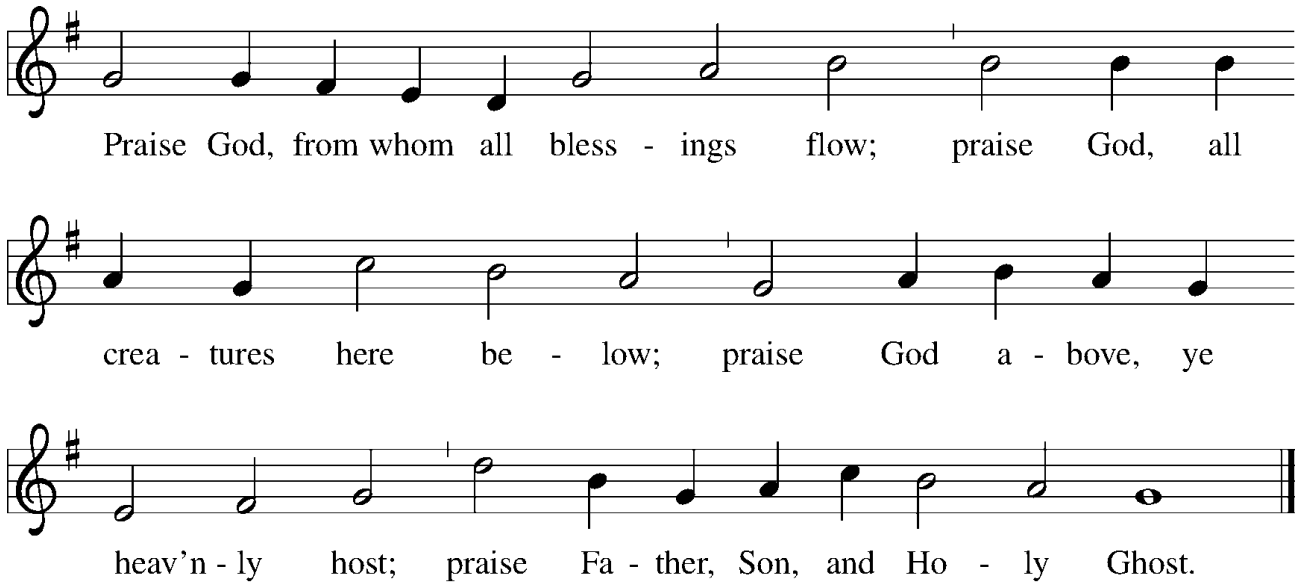
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN- *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

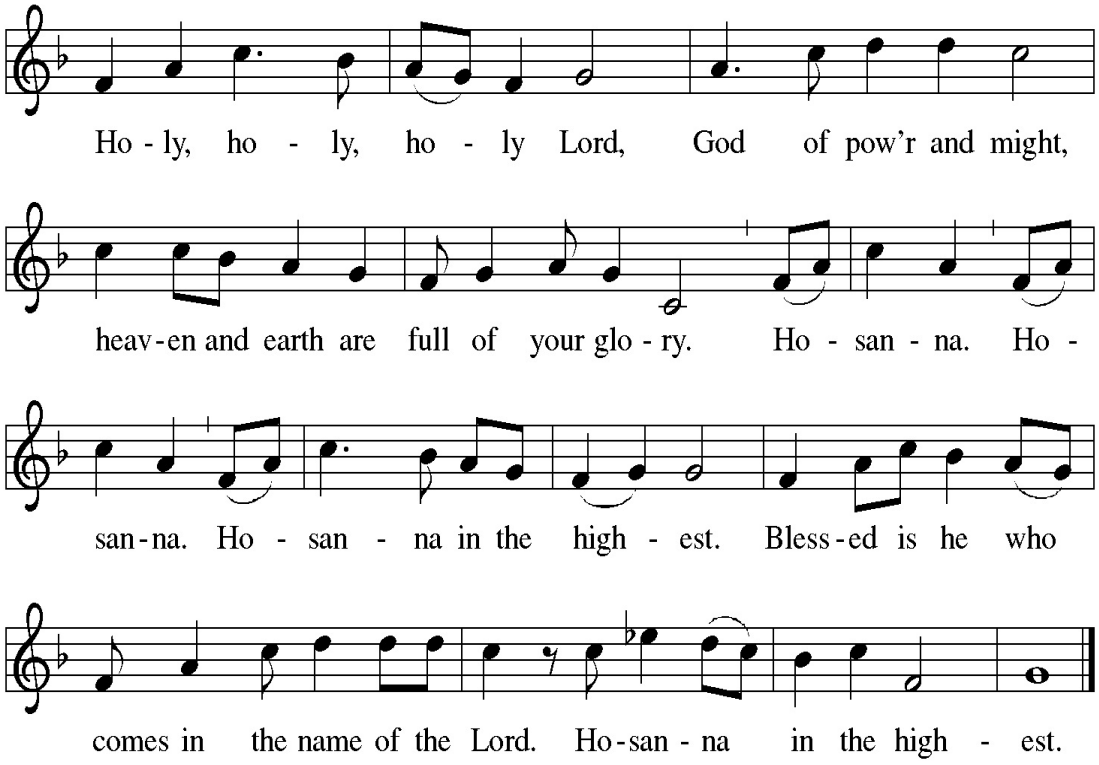
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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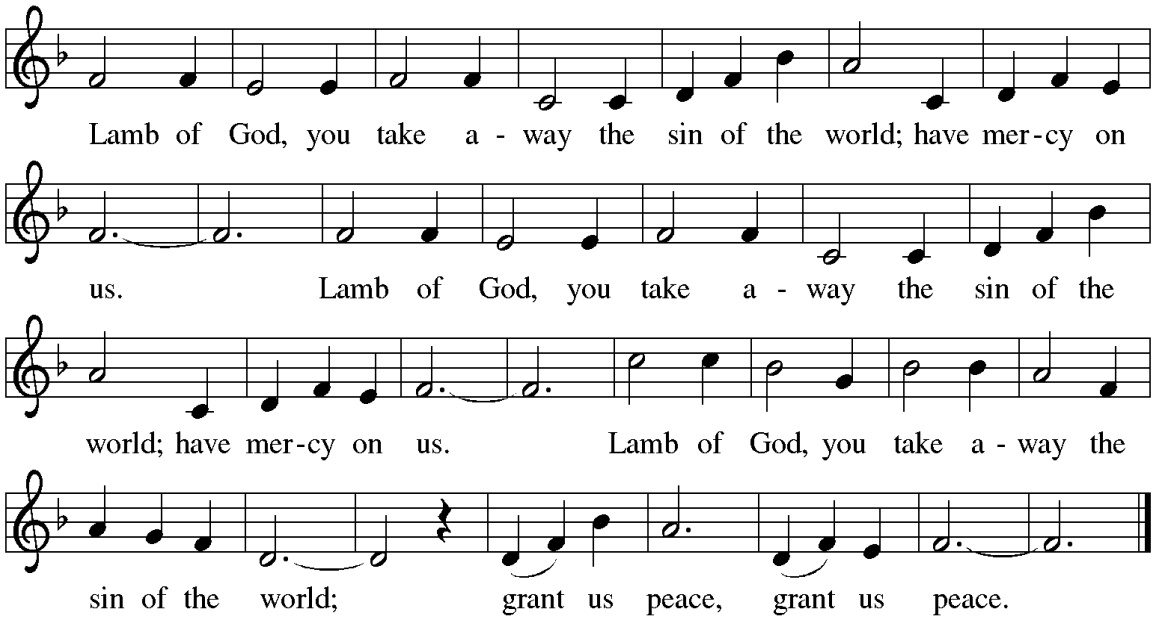
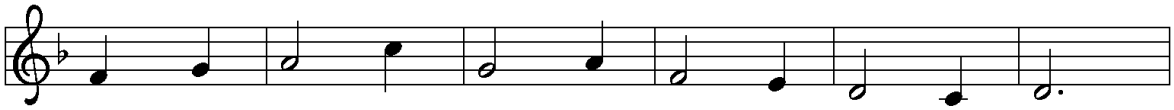


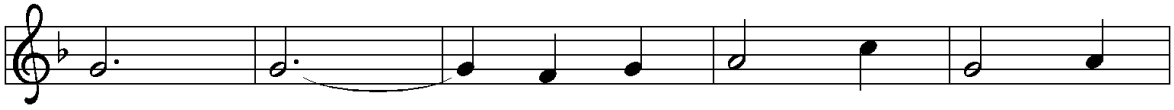
COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG ELW 798

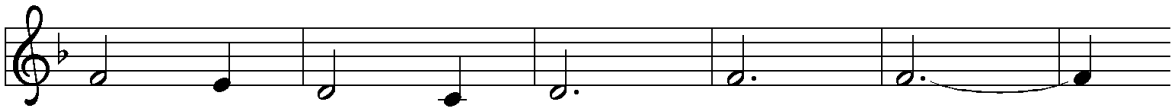
"Will You come and Follow Me"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
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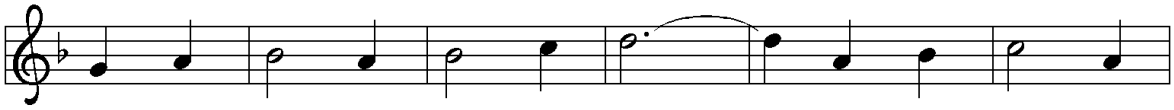
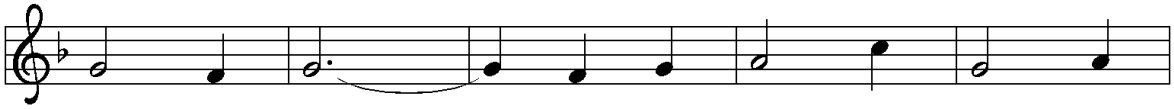
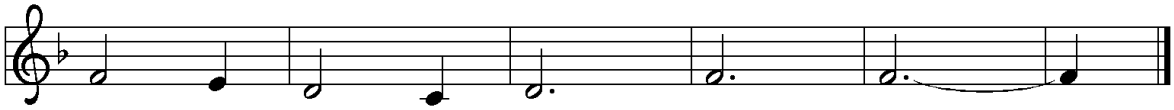
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.
C: Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

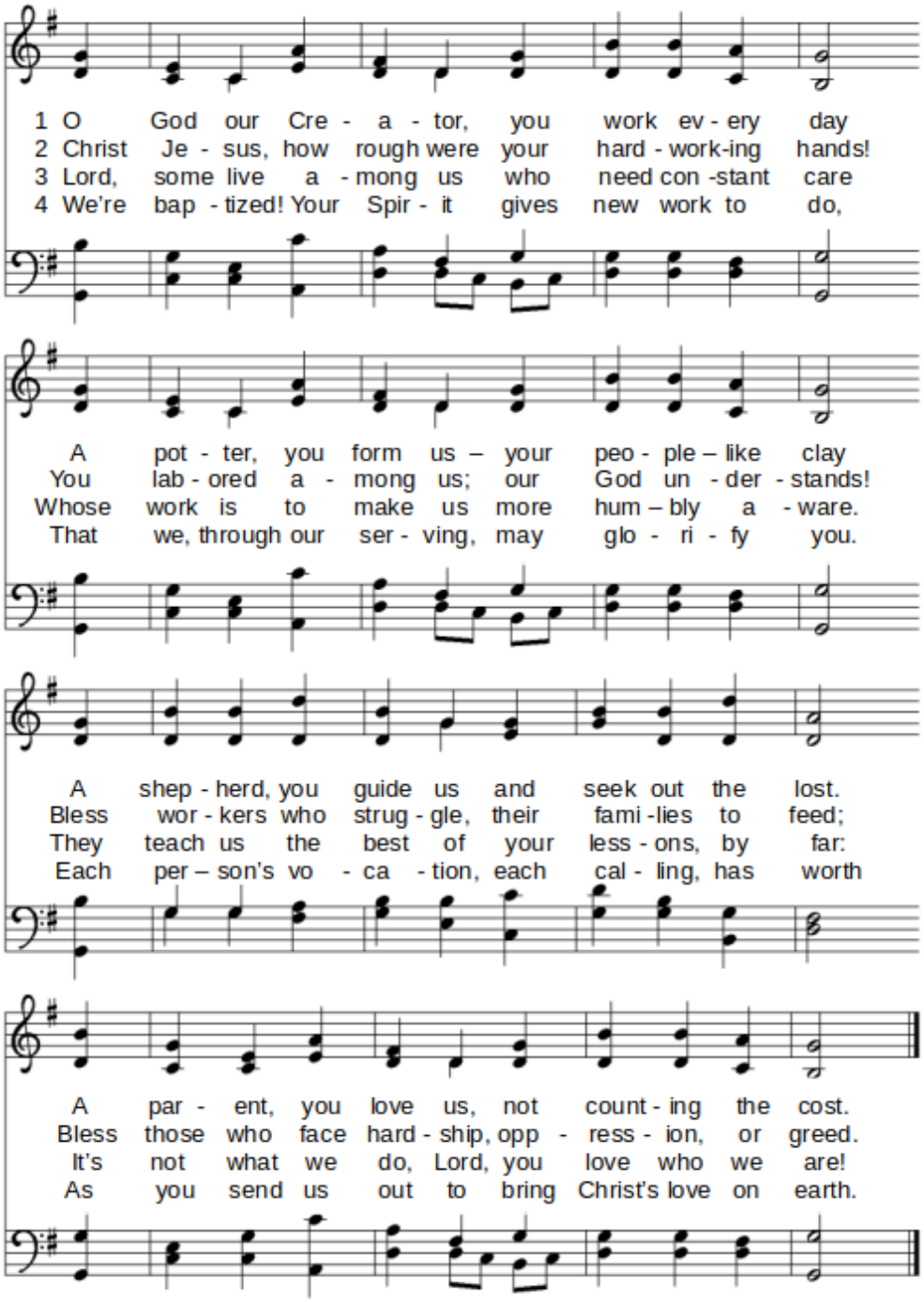
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"O God Our Creator, You Work Every Day"



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Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome, Dale Eckart, Licensed Lay Minister (LLM). Dale serves Zion Lutheran, Chelsea part time and Ford in information technology. He will be presiding over worship for Pastor Rinas. In case of emergency, please call the office.

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex, we would love to connect with you.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

The Office will be Closed on Labor Day- September 2nd

September 3rd
Refresh Committee will resume meeting on Tuesdays from 11:30am – 1:30pm. They will begin painting of the wall in the MIOCA/Classroom area.

September 4th
Quilting will resume 11:00am – 1:00pm.

Bible Study Class with Pastor Joshua Rinas will resume 12:30pm – 2:00pm. (Please note the new day for the class, classes will be on Wednesdays.)

Food Pantry begins new hours. The food pantry will only be open for distribution on Wednesdays 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

Handbell Choir
Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, September 8th at 8:45am.

Birthday Coffee Hour
September 8th. We look forward to seeing you all. Thank You.

September 8 is Blanket Sunday/God's Work Our Hands Sunday
There will be a blessing of the quilts made by the Quilt Team on September 8. Now is the time to clean out your closets and find gently used blankets, comforters, bedspreads or sleeping bags for the Clothes Closet. Well used blankets will be donated to the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Greeters

We would like to bring back our tradition of having Greeters in the narthex on Sunday morning! Not only to greet our weekly worshipping family, but to welcome first or second time visitors. A warm, friendly smile does wonders for all of us. This is an easy and important way to volunteer. As far as training, all you have to do is show up a little early, 9:30ish, and be ready to welcome folks. We are asking that you sign up for a month at a time, but should something come up that you cannot make every Sunday, we will fill in for you. If this sounds like something you'd like to try, please give Cindy Walline or Linda Wilber a call. And if you get a call asking you to volunteer, please say yes! Linda 734-481-1781 Cindy 734-740-4227

Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry still has an ongoing need for boxes to pack with canned goods. Any box 12 inch x 12 inch x 12 inch but not bigger than 16 inch x 16 inch x 16 inch is used. Shoe boxes are too small. The food pantry boxes need to hold at least 13 cans of food, a box of raisins, a box of macaroni and cheese, a bag of rice, a bag of cereal and a box of pasta. Boxes can be set near the Food Pantry shelves in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Are you a Thrivent member?

Did you know that every Thrivent associate member has at one Action Grant every year that could bring in $250 for a special project, every full benefit member has 2 Action Grants every year. If you are a Thrivent member, please let Jennifer know in the church office. A list is being compiled to see how many special projects can be used to help Emmanuel this year and years to come.

Last year, Action Grants were used for helping purchase batting for the Quilt team, toys for the Christmas Giveaway and toiletries for the Food Pantry. Even if you have never applied for Action Grants, help is available so that you can help special projects.

Thank you for letting the office know if you are a Thrivent member, by emailing info@emmanuelypsi.org, leaving a message at 734-482-7121 or leaving a note in the offering plate or the box on the office door.

Worship Volunteers Needed!

Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office (734-482-7121).
Or through sign-up genius.

Assisting Ministers - Click here
Or Scan QR code

Altar Flower Sign up - Click here
Or Scan QR code

This Week at Emmanuel

Sunday, Sept 1 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Dale Eckart, LLM)

- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

Monday, September 2 – Labor Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Refresh Committee 11:30am – 1:30pm
- Food Delivery 1:00pm

Wednesday, September 4

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Quilting Group 11:00am – 1:00pm
- **Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Thursday, September 5

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am

Friday, September 6

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, September 7

- Women Do Recover 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Sunday, Sept 8 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost – Blanket Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Birthday Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground", located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to monitor children, don't worry about noise! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try. Older siblings may assist the younger ones if they like.

Prayers requested for: Barb, Sheila, Lynn, Jennifer, Cora, Suzy, Sandy, John, the family and friends of Evelyn.

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.
Text to Give: Text 734-548-9438. Simply text the amount you would like to give and follow the prompts.
Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.
Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

Serving in Worship:
Guest Minister..... *Dale Eckart*
Minister of Worship Music..... *David Meitzler*
Minister of Choral Conducting..... *Jamie Gallupe*
Assisting Minister ..... *Peter Walline*

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